REGISTER OF
CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	28 September 1999
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Chapter 6 "The Passage"
Other Known Titles:	Email To Irene
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Stated
Author:	Not Stated
Format:	Computer Printout
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer printout entitled *Chapter 6 "The Passage"* also known as *Email To Irene* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The computer printout has been given this classification because it promotes and supports sexual conduct with the body of a dead person. The computer printout contains text printed onto paper which describes sexual activity with a woman on the point of death. Much of the publication is written in an anticipatory style where the narrator is savouring the moment when the woman will die and her body will be flaccid. The chapter concludes with the narrator ejaculating in the woman's vagina at the moment when her pulse stops. The explicit description of this activity and the sexual excitement and desire this creates in the narrator of the story means that the publication promotes and supports sexual conduct with the body of a dead person.

The Classification Office has considered the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) in relation to this publication, specifically the right to freedom of expression detailed in s14. In this instance the publication promotes and supports sexual conduct with the body of a dead person under s3(2)(c) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, and this criterion is a deeming provision that cannot be given a meaning that is consistent with the NZBR Act.

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